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THE honor conferred upon the chairman by his associates carries with it a responsibility that is not to be regarded lightly. Aside from the duties, which are well defined, of looking after the welfare of the section, presiding over its meetings, which are to be made as interesting, attractive and instructive as possible, the responsibility presents an opportunity. The present chairman of this, the first section of the society to be organized, and the largest, a section containing over ten per cent. of the entire membership and twice as many members as the parent society claimed when he first began enjoying its influence and privileges, welcomes the opportunity with pleasure. I shall give the section my best service.

Among other things my conception of the office of chairman calls for a frank presentation of such problems, general or local, which appear needful of solution and may be best solved by democratic discussion. Every member of the society should give those matters which have to do with the society's interests the most careful consideration and such subjects should be thoroughly discussed by every section that the course followed by its councilors may be in a measure representative of that section's opinion. I furthermore feel that members of the council from sections should give an accounting of their service that the section may decide if it wishes to

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